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1. Shipbuilding was discussed at a conference convened by the Verwaltung des Elektro-Maschinenbaus VEB (Administration of Electro-Mechanical Engineering) (VEM) and was held in Berlin on 3 February 1953. The conference was attended by the production managers of the main administrations of electrical engineering and shipbuilding, delegates of the marine electrical engineering VEM plant and the equipment building VEM plant in Rostock and engineers of the Volkswerft Stralsund, the Varnemuende Warnow-Werft and the Rostock Neptun Shipyard.
2. The discussion showed that the EAW in Treptow encountered great difficulties inasmuch as steel, needed for the manufacture of magnets used in measuring instruments with moving coils, which was to be supplied by the Immelhorn plant, could not be made available and that instead of the 30 to 40 tons needed in 1953, the plant received only 10 tons. The conference saw no possibility to remedy this situation. Source learned that manganese wire, which could no longer be obtained from West Germany through legal channels, also was urgently needed.
3. The conferees finally were informed that the Sea Police was organizing a submarine branch of the National Armed Forces. All technicians and engineers were asked to volunteer for this submarine arm and were told that training would take place on Ruegen Island, at the Peene Werft in Wolgast and in the U.S.S.R. They also learned that submarine training in East Germany would be conducted by both Soviet submarine experts and German specialists, who, officers as well as engineers, had undergone several months of training in the U.S.S.R. and that old submarines would be made available for training by the U.S.S.R. Detailed information on enlistment was given only to those who seemed to be actually interested and planned to volunteer for this career. Source expressed the belief that this submarine arm was given special considerations.¹

- 25X1 1. Comment. Numerous reports on the activation of a submarine arm, attached to the Sea Police, have been received but were not forwarded as they contained no definite information. It is a fact, however, that a submarine school under

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the command of Fregattenkapitaen Hans Jordt is located in Sassnitz-Dwasieden. Numerous reports, based on rumors, indicated that four Soviet submarines were scheduled to be turned over to the Sea Police for training purposes. They were not yet reported, however, either in Sassnitz or any other port in East Germany.

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